

# The Observer

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Choral Program

The Saint Joseph's Chorus and Show Choir presented a choral program on Sunday, October 26 in the Auditorium. The event was co-sponsored by the Saint Joseph's College Music Department, the Faculty Fine Arts Committee, and the Prairie Arts Council of Rensselaer.

### Registration

Registration for the 972 term will begin on Monday, November 10 and continue through Friday, November 15. All registration will be done through the Registrar in the Ballroom of Halleck Center.

### Executive in Residence

The Executive in Residence Program sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing welcomed Terence F. MacCarthy to campus on October 28 and 29. Mr. MacCarthy is a Federal Defender in Chicago, Illinois, and is a teacher and lecturer on trial techniques for organizations such as the American Bar Association. He also is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College, Northwestern University Law School, University of Virginia, and the Western Trial Advocacy Institute.

## Habitat for Humanity Chapter Works to Improve Homes



photo by Jamie Portal courtesy of Fred Berger

**Saint Joseph's students and faculty advisor Fred Berger working at local Habitat for Humanity site.**

by Julia Garcia

On Saturday, October 18, a group of students from Saint Joseph's College travelled to Kokomo, Indiana, in order to re-roof the fifty-year-old roof on the home of an 84-yr old lady. The students arrived at 8:00 am and worked until 4:30 pm, first removing the three layers of old roofing with shovels and pitch forks and then re-shingling the roof. Students were able to meet the lady they were helping, and she expressed her appreciation. "It was good to see that

we could help someone who wasn't able to physically and financially make the proper repairs to her home," stated Ellen Andersen, a Saint Joseph's Senior.

"Some Habitat chapters do projects like this when they are in between building houses," stated Fred Berger, faculty advisor for the Saint Joseph's chapter. Although this is the first project of the semester for the college's Habitat for Humanity chapter, the student organization has *continued on page 3*

## Operation Christmas Child Toy Drive Being Organized by Saint Joseph's Student Volunteer Corps

by Natalie Berenda

Attention students: a child in a Third World country needs a gift. They are not choosy. The Saint Joseph's College Student Volunteer Corps is conducting Operation Christmas Child, an effort to send a shipment of gifts to needy children in Bosnia for Christmas. The group will be accepting donations until November 1.

Donations should be something that can fit inside a shoe box. Things like cars, small dolls, books, pencils, and candy are just examples of what would make these children happy. So if you are running low on cash just take some of that cigarette money, stop by the Dollar Store and

buy a pack of crayons instead. Donations may be left in Campus Ministry office in Halleck Center.

After November 1, donations will be given to the organization, Samaritan's Purse. "I know that it is early to start thinking about Christmas but we have to get these things sent over there. These children may have never received a Christmas gift," President of Student Volunteer Corps, Rachel Barlage, stated. Father Jim Challancin explained, "I know at Christmas time everyone is soft but the need is very great right now."

The group's next project is Rake and Run. "There are a lot of elderly people in town who need their leaves raked.

So, we go out for a week and do it for them." Public Relations/Advertising Director, Jennifer Palecek stated.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Volunteer Corps is welcome. "Active Christianity is important in my perspective. We actually get things done,

and we believe in action," Father Challancin explained of the organization.

Those interested can get in touch with Father Challancin. "People on campus just don't realize what the smallest thing can mean to someone," Barlage said.

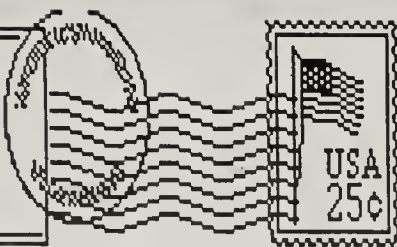


photo by Jenny Palecek

Rachel Barlage and Nicole work to put together gift boxes to be sent to children in Bosnia. The donation drive has been organized by the Student Volunteer Corps.



## Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

Brad Gellert's piece on "Dorm Fines" got a different response from me than Brad intended: I agree that some of the fines he mentioned seem excessive. I've heard other examples of silly ones, like being fined for leaving toothpaste in the sink, but my overall response to Brad's piece was to wonder how lazy, dirty, and babyish have Pumas become?

If Pumas unscrew light bulbs, or otherwise mess up something simple in the dorms, why in reason's name don't they fix them themselves instead of waiting for janitorial to do so. Maybe the \$22 charge was for laziness.

Gallagher men left fruit

in the showers for five days. Gag. They ought to be ashamed of themselves and more ashamed to believe that "custodial engineers get paid to clean up for us." Sure when you don't act like little kids. My seven year old would know better.

What's going on around here? Are people living in the dorms breaking things, trashing things, vandalizing things and expecting the rest of us to be tolerant? Brad got one thing right: "if we act like, children, then we will be treated as [like] them." Wait until you see how such behavior is treated in the real world.

Charles Kerlin  
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## The Raven

by Edgar Allan Poe

"Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,  
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore—  
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,  
As of some one gently rap-

ping--rapping at my chamber door.  
'Tis some visitor,' I muttered, 'tapping at my chamber door—  
Only this and nothing more.'  
Ah, distinctly I remember, it was in the bleak December,  
And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor..."

### \*Correction\*

In the last issue of *The Observer*, the article "Taking Precautions to ensure safety on campus" said that the girl was abducted on campus. However, the girl was not a resident student. She was a commuter, and the abduction did not occur on campus.

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\*Cheers to Halloween

\*Cheers to the leaves changing color

\*Cheers to the Saint Joseph's Choir and Singing Pumas

\*Cheers to Breakfast Club in Core XI

\*Cheers to Lil' Sibs Weekend

\*Cheers to Operation Christmas Child

\*Cheers to Habitat for Humanity

\*Jeers to Core Lectures never finishing on time

\*Jeers to the flu that's going around

\*Jeers to the horrible weather

\*Jeers to people who ignore deadlines

\*Jeers to stress, in general

\*Jeers to long-distance phone bills

\*Jeers to standardized tests, again

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## Habitat

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been involved since March 1991, when a group of students travelled to Coahoma, Mississippi. The chapter has since travelled to areas such as Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Vir-



photo by Jamie Portal courtesy of Fred Berger

### Saint Joseph's students assist with the roofing.

ginia, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and West Virginia to help build houses for those in need or to rebuild homes that had been damaged by natural disasters such as the Great Flood of 1993 and Hurricane Andrew.

The result of such trips motivated students and the Jasper county community to establish the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity chapter. The chapter has since then built two homes in the county and is in the process of planning construction for a third home in 1998. Jaimie Portal, a Junior at Saint Joseph's, represents the college chapter as a committee member on the Jasper County Board for Habitat for Humanity.

"The biggest image that comes to me when I think of Habitat is the smiles and the look of joy that everyone from workers to homeowners have," stated senior Megan Kolaczyk, Vice-President of the college chapter. Currently, the chapter is in the process of planning a trip to Mobile, Alabama for Spring Break and possible trips to Waco, Texas and Cincinnati, Ohio later this semester.

## FEAST OF SAINT GASPAR CELEBRATED ALONG WITH TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BROTHER HUGH HENDERSON

by William Shannon

Three events were combined into one large celebration on Tuesday, October 21. This day is the Feast of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, the founder and constant inspiration for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. This year, in addition, the C.P.P.S. and the entire Saint Joseph's community came together on Saint Gaspar's Feast to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Religious Profession of

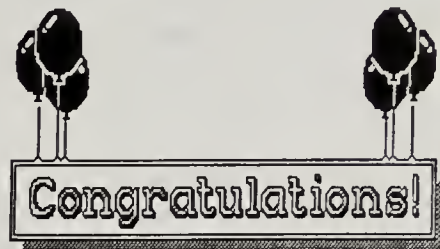
Brother Hugh Henderson, C.P.P.S. Lastly, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana celebrated its fifty-third year of existence.

These occasions were celebrated in grand style with a feast day Mass in the Chapel. Musicians from Saint Joseph's College, including the college choir and a duo from the band, as well as from Saint Anthony's Parish of Detroit, Michigan were present to provide music for the Mass. A procession began the Mass, leading the

nineteen priests that were to celebrate the Mass into the Chapel. The procession was culminated by His Excellency William Higi, the Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. The Mass was a feast for the senses and a tribute to the Church Visible.

After the Mass, there was a special dinner in the cafeteria, where the entire Saint Joseph's community was in-

vited to "break bread" with each other in a spirit of fellowship and festivity. The meal, as with the "meal" of the Mass, saw the entire community in formation to celebrate the three momentous events of the evening.



## Career Center Open to Help Seniors find Future Career Options

by Ashley Pierce

Are you planning on entering the work force soon? The Career Center can help you prepare for everything involved in the job search from workshops on writing cover letters and resumes to interview preparation.

The Career Center offers students a variety of services to help prepare them for upcoming job searching. In addition to resume, cover letter, and interviewing assistance, the Career Center has several job listings and a Career Resource Library with books that can be checked out on a student's ID. The Career Center is open Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm. Expanded office hours were implemented on October 13 for all education majors. On Tuesdays, the office is now open from 5-7pm, to accommodate senior education majors needing help.

Several workshops have already been held. A Resume and Cover Letter Writing

Workshop was held on October 21. Students learned how to write great resumes and cover letters, create their first draft, and received several helpful tips and effective strategies for resume writing. Those attending the workshop also received free resume paper.

For additional help, students can attend the Career Center's "Drop In" clinics. These clinics are held every week for the remainder of the semester, and students can "drop in" for assistance during the specified times. Topics include Cover Letter and Resume Writing and Job Searching Basics. The clinics are held every Monday from 3:30-4:30pm, every Tuesday from 8-9am, and every Wednesday from 12-1pm.

Many Job Fairs and On-Campus interviews have also

been scheduled to help students in the job searching process. The Greater Indianapolis Job Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 at the Holiday Inn Select North. The fair is scheduled from

9:30am-4:30pm. On Thursday, November 20, the Indiana Focus '98 Job Fair will be held at the Radisson Star Plaza in Merrillville, IN. The fair will be held from 1-5 pm.

## Model UN Delegation Prepares

by Becky Johson

Professor Piper Hodson will be in charge of the Model United Nations delegation from Saint Joseph's this year. Students who will be participating in the event include Kaie Lineweaver, Sarah Klusek, Tara Hairston, Karri Starkman and Dena Closson. At each competition, the delegation is allowed to submit their top choices for countries which they would like to portray in the Model Security Council. This year, the delegation will be representing the countries of Guinea-Bissau, Costa Rica, and Sweden in the competition. Currently, the team is preparing by studying information about the countries and about the anticipated topics for the conference.

The 19th Annual ICIP Butler Model UN Security Council Conference will be held November 13th through the 15th in Indianapolis on the Butler University campus. Among others, one issue that is anticipated to be discussed is the

current threats to the peace processes in Bosnia and in the Middle East. The other expected issue to be handled during the conference is the size of the Secretary Council and whether an enlargement should occur. Along with the issue of the size of the Security Council, there may be discussion on changes in how many permanent and non-permanent members there are and how they are selected. The team will write resolutions on the issues and ideas for strategies for alliances to prepare for the conference.

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# Professor Malone Earns Doctorate

by Randy Wagers

Philosophy professor Dr. Mike Malone obtained his doctorate in Moral Philosophy/Ethics on September 12. Malone was required to write and defend a dissertation, pass two oral and written exams, and complete all required courses. It took him five years to earn his Ph.D.

This is Dr. Malone's second year at SJC. Before coming here, he taught one class per semester as a teaching assistant at Saint Louis University.

Malone says that one of his favorite things about SJC is working with the students closely. "Compared to Saint Louis, I can work with students on more of a one-to-one basis and give more individual attention," Malone stated.

Although Malone has his Ph.D., he doesn't mind it if people just call him 'Mike.' When asked about his hobbies, he stated, "I love chess. I'm going to try and bring the chess club back, since we started one last year. I like playing tennis, and I helped start a philosophy club on campus. The second meeting is soon."

On the chess club, Malone commented that we can enter inter-collegiate competitions, but we must

first compete within SJC until we establish a core of players who are committed to the game.

Junior Steve Giles stated, "We have good teachers at Saint Joe, but Dr. Malone is also a good friend. He easily relates to students, which is an excellent attribute for a teacher to have."

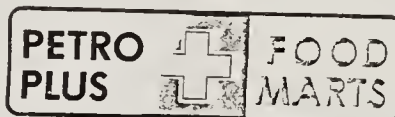
Malone's favorite Scooby-Doo character is Shaggy, and when asked about mud wrestling he replied, "I think mud wrestling is fun, but it is a dirty business." Mike's future plans are to be a professor here at Saint Joe teaching philosophy and Core and working



photo by Richard Gallo  
**Dr. Malone is all smiles about his doctorate and his job at Saint Joe.**

with students.

If you see the Doctor on campus, don't be afraid to congratulate him. He loves to meet new people, and he's a great friend to have.



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## Lil' Sibs Weekend is a Big Hit

by Heather Hagan

Last weekend was the annual Lil' Sibs Weekend and, as always, it proved to be a big hit.

The weekend started out with the big screen movie, which was "Hercules" in honor of the young visitors. Other activities during the action-packed weekend included a pizza party; Fun Flicks, an activity that allowed the kids to make their own music videos; campus wide trick-or-treating, and Rec Fest.

The goal of Lil' Sibs

Weekend, according to SUB President Julie Lanoue, is "to allow students a weekend with their siblings. We want our siblings to see what we do and where we are for most of the year."

Prior to the weekend, Lanoue had high expectations for the annual event.

"I anticipate this weekend to be an even bigger hit than it has been in the past because of the sports teams that are home," said Lanoue. "We also have more of the other clubs involved, such as the Education Club and MSU."

Students and their guests who participated in the weekend's events generally agreed that the weekend was a fun time for both big and little sibs.

"Julie Lanoue and SUB did a fabulous job," said Sophomore Candice Layman, whose cousin Alyssa was her guest for the weekend. "The activities were great, and I really liked the Rec Fest, which let the kids run out all of their energy."

"It was fun, and running down the hallways was my favorite part," Alyssa added.

## Outta Site

by Heidi Jugovic

Most people think of the internet as a passive tool they can use to soak up information and entertainment. It is, but it is also much more. The internet is a quick and easy way to become involved in local, national, and international movements that are important to you!

In this issue, I recommend many sites that allow internet users to become involved in organizations right over the web. Although I will list a few sites I found interesting, remember that you can easily find sites that cater to whatever movements you would like to be a part of.

You can use search engines like Yahoo! to find web addresses, or you can simply guess! Many internet addresses for groups are simply [www.nameofgroup.org](http://www.nameofgroup.org) or [.com](http://.com). Guessing is the way I found the addresses for every site in this column!

Are you interested in saving the environment for future generations? Greenpeace is an international organization which "bears witness" to abuses of the environment in order to attract media attention as a form of non-violent protest.

Greenpeace takes no political stances and is non-profit. This site lists links to literally hundreds of other environmental sites, including sites devoted to specific problems like air pollution or nuclear testing. Find out about Greenpeace at [www.greenpeace.org](http://www.greenpeace.org).

Do you want to take a more political stance on the environment? The Sierra Club is a national organization devoted to informing voters of environmental issues and telling people how their representatives voted on these issues. Visit the Sierra Club at [www.sierraclub.com](http://www.sierraclub.com).

Are you concerned about the violation of human rights in the international community? Amnesty International fights for human rights worldwide by supporting political prisoners through the voluntary actions of its members. Amnesty International supports the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights by engaging in fact-finding and

activities focusing on prisoners. Join Amnesty International at [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org).

Do you want to protect civil liberties at a national level? The American Civil Liberties Union works as a national advocate for individual rights. This is a non-profit, non-partisan interest organization determined to protect the Bill of Rights. This site is particularly well-designed and informative on many issues. Check out the ACLU at [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org).

Are you interested in participating more in politics? Research and support a political party online! The Republican National Committee is at [www.mc.org](http://www.mc.org), and the Democratic National Committee is at [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org). You can join a party on-line!

Although these sites represent diverse interests, they also have some things in common. They all promote international or national organizations. They all provide lots of goodies like access to publications of interest to users, email updates on developing issues, easy to understand information on relevant topics, links to other sites, links to local chapters, and information on how to join.

Remember that interest-group sites heavily bias their information in favor of their cause. Read critically!

If you want to join some of these organizations, be aware that many ask for a donation or membership fee. It's worth it to support a cause you love, but if you're strapped for cash, some of these organizations have special student rates and services.

**BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN GIVING MONEY OVER THE INTERNET!!!!** Even "secure" procedures have vulnerable spots that hackers can use to access your credit card numbers. I recommend using the mail-in procedures to join organizations to avoid the risks inherent to on-line shopping.

Remember, although it's fun and exciting to get involved on a national or international level, much of the important work that goes on to make a difference in our communities happens on a local level. Many campus organizations would love your support!



## Pam Brown: Balancing Act One Student Faces the Demands of a Single Mom and a College Student

by D Adams

Sometimes we all complain about having so many things to do or about how it's difficult to balance our studies, a sport, and even a job. Pam Brown, a thirty-three year old senior psychology major and a single mom finds it hard to balance her time between her two kids, her classes, and a job.

Time, as with many of us, is Pam's biggest obstacle. She has to work to support her children, and this can certainly be rough when she's going to school. Being a mother is very important to Pam. It is important that she spends time with her kids and takes time out for their activities.

She cannot do everything, so she has to let some things go, she says, and sometimes people who do not have kids find this hard to understand. She lives with her parents, so this helps out a lot, but it is

still not an easy thing for anyone to do.

She has never seen single parenting as being hard. She just looks at it as being a part of her life, something that she just has to do. "I never really think about it. I just do it, so it comes natural," says Pam.

Pam's Saint Joseph's College experience has been very positive. She is glad that she chose Saint Joe because everyone has been very supportive of her special situation, and she believes that she has received a wonderful education.

**"I never really think about it. I just do it, so it comes natural."**

She has found that the professors go out of their way to help her in any way possible. Pam's kids, Erica, 10, and Aaron, 8, also are very

supportive of their mom. "They are really great kids!" Pam says. "Though some days, like myself, they just wonder when I'll ever be done with school."

Pam is really looking forward to graduating from Saint Joe and taking another step in her life. She plans to continue with her education in graduate school and hopes to get her MSW (Master's Degree in Social Work) somewhere nearby. Pam is quite confident in saying, "No matter what happens, I'll deal with it, and my kids will too. We've come this far."

**Trick-Or-Treat!**  
There will be Trick-or-Treating for local children at the Rensselaer Care Center from 6:30 until 8:00 on Halloween. Volunteers are needed. Set-up begins at 6:00, and students are encouraged to dress up. For more information, call 8263.

## Ask Arnie

Dear Arnie,

I'm having problems with this guy I know here on campus. We've been friends for a year and recently he expressed his undying love for me. I, however, do not share the feeling. I have told him this, but he keeps trying to get me to go out with him, and now I've caught him following me to classes. What should I do? I can't seem to get him to understand that I don't want a relationship.

Sincerely,

Fed Up

Dear Fed Up,

It seems as if this person is not getting your message. The first thing you should do is sit down with him again and clearly explain your feelings (or lack of feelings) for him. Let him know that his behavior is making you uncomfortable and could jeopardize your friendship. Tell him that his friendship is important to you and that you're flattered, but you just don't share those feelings. It's not fair for him to make you feel uncomfortable. Tell him that if he doesn't respect your feelings, you won't see him at all.

You don't want him to become volatile, so you need to stop things before they get out of hand. If he continues to follow you, talk to your RA. If she can't help you, we have a wonderful security staff here at Saint Joe. They are always willing to help. Try to take some time away from him, and he may eventually get the picture.

-Arnie

Send letters to Ask Arnie at Post Office Box 2225 or put them in The Observer box in the Core building.

## GOVERNORS' COMMITTEE REVIEWS DORM FINES ISSUE

by Karri Starkman

In the past, the Governors' Committee has not been a prominent group on campus. It consisted of one chairperson and two volunteers. However, the face of the government has changed, and with these changes come new responsibilities.

The new format for the Governors' Committee makes it mandatory for all of the dorm governors to be part of the committee. This change has allowed for new issues to be addressed and more problems to be resolved.

One of the first things on the committee's schedule is working on changing the appeals to dorm fines. The committee chairperson, Senior Peg McLeish said, "The committee is the best place for the dorm fines issue to be

dealt with in regards to the student senate, because other groups beyond the dorm representatives really have little to do with the issue."

McLeish, who is governor of Halas, is not the only one who believes that dorm fines need to be dealt with within the committee. Students around the campus such as Freshman Tami Hart also believe that fines should be handled in a different manner. She explains, "Fines need to be dealt with by people who are more acquainted with dorm life."

The Governors Committee has its work cut out for it, to say the least. There are many more issues and problems left to deal with. However, the student body should be relieved to know that there is a new team on their side.

## On The Record: Halloween Fun

"Dressing up for Halloween is the funniest! I'm going to be Athena this year."

--Angie Gibbs,  
Sophomore

"I clean up the streets. I steel from the big and give to the small."

--Eric Seidel,  
Freshman

"I like dressing up to go out for Trick-or-Treating."

--Michelle Horst,  
Freshman

excuse to wear women's clothing."

--Eric Schneider,  
Freshman

"I love watching 'The Great Pumpkin' and dressing up to get candy."

--T.J. Szerencse,  
Junior

"I love seeing all the different costumes that everyone wears and eating candy."

--Liza Storey,  
Freshman

dressing up in my costume."

--Karri Starkman,  
Freshman

"I love the feeling of Halloween. There is a sense of excitement every year around Halloween."

--Erin Breetzke,  
Senior

"I love getting tons of candy to eat after Halloween."

--Amy Chester,  
Freshman

"Halloween gives me an "I enjoy getting candy and Quotes given to Tami Hart



# Saint Joseph's Band Marches On Strong

by Mindy Kever

The Saint Joseph's College Band is the biggest it has been since 1972. When Robert Theil, the band's current band director, formed the band five years ago, the band consisted of a mere 19 members. The next year the band grew a little and contained just under 30 members. Over the past five years, the band has grown to a group of 77 members.

Through the years, the band's program changes with each season, as do the distinguished members. This year the band will only perform at three home football games. The halftime show includes the songs "Estancia", "AD

1928/Rockin' the Paradise", and "Suncat." The 1997-98 drum major is Junior Dan Kolezar. Junior Jenny Rausch and Sophomore Michelle Ottman are the color guard captains. Theil's wife also helps out by working with the guard during practices.

Due to the growth of this ensemble, the band received new pants for the marching uniforms this school year. The old pants had been worn for 10 years. Replacement of the pants was much easier and cheaper than to continuously repair the old.

Not only has the band invested money in uniforms, but it has also had to invest

money in instruments to keep up with the growing number of members.

The largest investment of money however, went neither to the uniforms, nor the instruments, but to the new band room. This band room is located in the basement of Halleck Center.

"As a senior, I have seen the growth of the band over the past four years. It is nice to see the school support a program like this by providing us with a better facility in which to practice," Senior trumpet player Susan Ownby stated.

Performing at many functions throughout the year, the band is not only found at foot-

ball games, but also at basketball games. Where the band does not perform is in competition.

Many freshman notice one main difference from their high school when coming into the Saint Joseph's College band; there are no competitions for marching band here. The purpose of the band is not for competition.

"The purpose of the band is to provide a musical experience for music education students, to entertain crowds at football and basketball games, and most importantly, to show support for the Saint Joseph's athletic teams," Thiel stated.

# Men's Soccer is Kicking it Up

by Eric Schneider

The next week will make or break the Saint Joseph College men's soccer team.

"It all comes down to work ethic," midfielder Sophomore Rob Burns stated. "Our odds of getting into the conference tournament depend on how hard we work this week."

"The team has jelled since the beginning of the season," Sophomore reserve goal keeper, Mick Mancuso said. "We didn't start off too hot, but now we really have the ball rolling."

The Puma soccer men have two games to keep that

ball rolling over their opponents if they want to gain the play-off berth. The team needs to win their last two conference games to get into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, a goal which was set early in the season.

"That's been a goal of ours since the beginning. We wanted to make the tourney from day one," Mancuso stated.

The Pumas know that they control their own destiny.

"The sky's the limit," remarked Senior defenseman Marco Maggiore. "The only ones that can hold us back are

ourselves. We know that it's time for individuals to step up and help carry the team. It's all about a total team effort."

Mancuso was quick to praise his teammates. "Bill Gill (forward) has played great this year. He's really stepped it up when we needed him. Chuck Carmody (goalkeeper) has also kept us in some close ones."

The team is riding high after a 4-2 victory over Prairie State College last Thursday (October 16). Seniors Tom Williams, K.J. Falk, and Freshman Mike Horstman all scored for the Pumas, lifting them to a 8-8 record. The

Pumas beat the odds, winning on the road and with injured players seeing limited action. The victory has only added to the team's momentum.

"We need to buckle down and finish up the regular season strong," Burns said. "We all need to push ourselves harder."

The time has come for the Mens Puma soccer team to battle it out against the rest of the conference.

"The play-offs give everyone a chance to start over," added Maggiore. "When we get there, it will be a whole new ball game."

# Women's Soccer Team is Going for Their Goals

by Mindy Kever

The goals of the women's soccer team are well on their way to being reached. During the weekend of October 18, the team won the regular season Great Lakes Valley Conference. The women only have three games left to play before they finish their regular season. The team is doing well with a record of 13-3-1 and is ranked ninth in the nation.

Senior Megan Kolaczyk stated, "Many people thought

that it was a fluke that we did as well as we did last year. This year we are out to prove that wrong."

According to some of the players, the team has been successful in playing with unity.

"Coming onto such a good team was very hard, but the team is very encouraging and helps everyone to become better," Freshman Cathy Cox said. "I think a lot of our success is because of the team unity and

everyone's work rate is so high that we are being pushed at every practice."

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One goal that the team is still striving for, is to make it to Nationals and into the Fi-

nal Four. This is the main goal of the team at this point in time. From the way things are going, the team could find themselves right where they want to be.

"At the start of the season, we had our problems as a team, but once everyone realized each others style of play, we have been unstoppable," Sophomore Sara Booth said. "I feel this team is truly gifted and that this is due to the fact that we work so well together."

# On Track...

*Volleyball Team is Hanging in There*  
by Kevin Collins

Winter is drawing near and so is the end of the volleyball season. The last month has been a very rough period for the Pumas as they have suffered seven losses in their last eight matches. The ladies currently have a record of 12-10 overall and 2-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Although they will not make it into post-season play, the ladies can take several positives away from this year.

The ladies have played a much tougher schedule this year, yet they have still managed to compile more wins than in past years. They have played more ranked teams this season both in and out of conference play. By playing on this tougher level of competition the Pumas are improving themselves for the future. Being as young a team as they are, the Pumas are able to look to the future with great optimism.

The fact that they are a young team may account for some of their shortcomings. This team plays with a lot of heart, and when they can combine some more experience with that heart, they will ultimately become more capable of pulling out those close matches.

Head Coach Kevin Furnish seemed a little disappointed with the way the season is finishing up, yet he also seemed very optimistic about the future of the volleyball program.

Despite the team's record, which is what most people look at, the ladies are twice the team they were a year ago, and they are continually working together.

Coach Furnish stated, "Overall, the team may be better than my expectations of where we would be at this point."



# J.B. Lind Tackles Football and His Future

by Jamie Riberto

Currently in his fifth year here at St. Joseph's College, James Burton Lind, commonly known to you and me as J.B., has both given and received a great deal from the school and the football program.

J.B. was born in Danville, Virginia, but he grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio where he attended Archbishop Moeller High School. However, he is not the only star athlete who graduated from Moeller. Other star athletes include Tom Waddle, Barry Larkin, Ken Griffey Jr., and Jerry Faust. Like them, J.B. has a great future ahead of him.

J.B. chose Saint Joseph's for several reasons. "Saint Joseph's presented me with the best opportunity and situation coming out of high school. It gave me a chance to play a high level of football and I wouldn't get lost in the shuffle."

In his time here at Saint Joseph's J.B. has accomplished a great deal as a football player. He was redshirted his freshman year and has



started almost every game since. He has played every position on the offensive line. He has been offensive player of the week three times this season, and he is also a captain with the rest of the seniors.

J.B. feels that his personal best game at Saint Joseph's was against Eastern Illinois this season for which he was named offensive player of the week.

During his time here at Saint Joseph's, J.B. has played for many different Puma head coaches. He feels that the team has become more successful in the last two years because the

team found both an offensive and defensive system that could make them successful, and the coaching philosophy is different. "We expect to win every game."

J.B. attributes most of his success on the football field to his mother. Because she passed away since he has been playing football here, she was not able to see him play much college football.

"All my mom's support has kept me playing all these years," J.B. stated.

And through these years, J.B. has made plans for himself. His future plans include graduation in December and hopefully playing in the All Star game in Louisville, Kentucky on March twenty-eighth and the Snobowl game on January eighth in North Dakota.

J.B. is planning to find a job teaching in his major, history. He is currently student teaching at Tri-County. His schedule is one which keeps him busy. He wakes up every morning at 5:30 to teach, and after school he goes and hits the field to practice with

the Pumas.

If he had the chance to go professional, he would.

"If anyone is in the market for a triple option offensive guard, I am willing to listen," J.B. stated. "If the opportunity was right I would look into it. It takes a lot of luck, and it is a long shot. It is a dream every kid has when they start to play football. If it doesn't happen, then it was not meant to be," he added.

Right now, J.B.'s main goals and aspirations are for the team to win the rest of their games this season. His personal goal is to be an All-American.

Though with these goals, J.B. thinks there are players out there better than himself. He feels that his one younger brother, a freshman at Ashland, is a much better football player. "My brother has accomplished much more in a shorter time."

Through his success, J.B. never forgets to thank those who have helped him.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to play college football with guys such as Scott

Moore who has been here since I got here," J.B. commented.

Senior Scott Moore is glad that he had the chance to get to know J.B. as a friend and a teammate. "J.B. is a great guy who has gotten better every year. He is a person that takes a lot of pride in what he does. He has become one of the best offensive linemen I have seen here."

Head Coach Riva agrees with J.B.'s capabilities.

"J.B. is a player who has steadily improved every year. He cares tremendously about his performance. I think that those are the keys that have made him a football player. Some other things that make him a great player is that he plays non-stop, and he is hustling on every play."

J.B. hopes that people will remember him in the future. "I just hope people will remember me as a guy who went out no matter what the score was or who we were playing, and I gave 100% every play. The greatest thrill for an offensive lineman is seeing one of your teammates score."

## SPORTS SHORTS SPECIAL Intramurals Start Their Season

### Football Teams Battle it Out

by Jamie Riberto

While intramural bowling is taking place in the warmth of indoors, the intramural football teams are facing the cold outdoors for some good competition. The games take place at 3:30pm and 4:45pm on the intramural field on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and some Monday afternoons.

There are three women's teams and five men's teams. Senior Bill "Flounder" O'Donovan, who is in charge this year, hopes to have each team play one another three times.

Thus far, the teams with the best records are Six Pack for the women, who are 2-0. For the men, the top two teams are Noll 4-0. Bennett and Noll were tied with the best record up until Thursday, October 24, when Noll beat Bennett 24-13.

The prize for the winning team is intramural championship t-shirts for everyone on the team.

Junior Andrea Messner, a player for Justin Third West, thinks that intramural football is a lot of fun. "It is something our floor can do together."

## Bowling Takes to the Lanes

by Jamie Riberto

Intramural bowling proves to be a relaxing and fun time for both competitive bowlers and for bowlers out to have a good time.

Every Tuesday night at 9:45pm, until Thanksgiving break, The Strike Zone opens up and allows the co-ed intramural teams to hit the lanes and have control of the bowling alley.

There are special effects such as music, smoke, and students can even bring in

their own cd's for the cd player.

Senior Joe Vorrier, one of the people in charge, feels that he would not bowl as well if it wasn't for the effects. "It seems like I bowl better when the lights are out, the fog is rolling, and the music is turned up really loud!"

Senior Kathy Braun, the other person in charge, thinks that bowling allows for everyone to just relax and have fun. "It is late at night,

but it is a good stress reliever. Unfortunately, bowling is the only intramural sport you have to pay for but it is worth it."

The cost is five dollars each night, which includes three games and shoes. The computer keeps track of the scores and everyone has a handicap which helps those that do not really know how to bowl. The prize each year includes intramural t-shirts to the winning team and of course, the honor of being number one.



## The Danger of Canned Goods

by Charles Martin

The Halloweens of my past have not been full of fright and terror. I would say more along the lines of humorous mishaps and hilarious happenings. The best instance of this was during my high school junior year, when the National Honor Society had to collect canned goods for the community pantry.

Arriving at the meeting site at promptly 7:00, I was surprised to see that everyone was already there, standing around nervous and anxious. The "problem" was that the night before I regretfully decided to dye my hair. I thought it would be a neat thing to do to get in the Halloween spirit. Of course, this was not any of that one-time wash out stuff; I went all out and tried the bright green, semi-permanent hair dye. This, as you might suspect, made me stand out just a little. When I got out of my car, all my friends busted up laughing. I guess they never had the opportunity to collect canned goods from elderly people while sporting bright green hair. Oh well, there's a first time for everything. And so began the expedition to collect the prized canned goods.

I set off with our group's wagon, and right in the beginning I realized that this would be no joyride. I seriously

hoped that we would take turns pulling, because walking from door to door can get tiring, especially pulling a loaded wagon. As we walked up to the first house, arguing ensued about who would go first.

I decided to go first and ask politely if the residents had any canned goods for charity. I was kindly asked to wait, and when they returned to the door, I was rewarded with a heaping handful of corn and beans. The motherlode. Trotting back to the wagon with my prize, I felt that this whole collecting thing was going to be a piece of cake. Boy was I wrong.

As the night progressed, all the children were scurrying about trick-or-treating. Of course, I was stuck collecting cans of vegetables instead of candy. Lucky me. It was a sight to see: five adolescents, one with green hair, walking around with a wagon packed with government issue fruit and baked beans.

After our second drop-off of goods, we decide to try our luck on, literally, "the other side of the tracks." As we approached the railroad tracks, the wagon became increasingly heavy, due to the incline of the hill. After getting to the top of this massive hill, we crossed the tracks and

began our journey down. As the laws of physics dictate, a heavy object on wheels being pulled down a hill is a recipe for disaster.

I guess it was good that it wasn't my turn to pull because my poor friend almost got ran over by the runaway wagon. He tried to avoid the path of the wagon, but ended up falling under it and causing a chain reaction. The wagon flipped into the air and crashed down in an unsuspecting person's lawn. With 15 pound cans of pudding and guacamole rolling down the sidewalk, the first thing to do was to laugh, but I remembered my poor friend who was run over by the speeding wagon. I picked him up and asked if he was hurt, but except for a few scratches, he was all right. Gathering up the numerous cans out of the lawn, we chased down the wagon and filled it back up. Warily we headed back to the meeting place, complete with half crushed cans and open boxes of noodles.

So there ends my little Halloween excursion. I know it wasn't a typical scary jaunt through a haunted house, but it was an experience that I'll remember for some time. Especially the dangers of a speeding wagon full of canned goods...

## One Fall Day

by Sarah Martin

One blustery fall day, a trio of small children were playing out in a leaf strewn yard. They were enjoying the crisp fall air and shuffling through the leaves. All of the sudden, a bright light flashed through the sky and disappeared into a ditch bordering the yard. The children, overcome with curiosity about the strange occurrence, ran over to the ditch to see what had caused the flash of light.

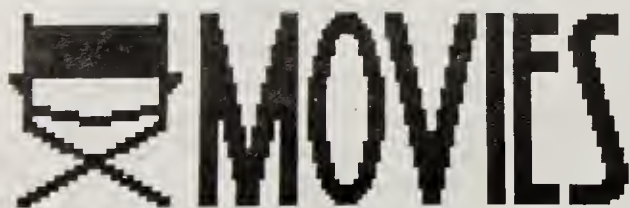
They slowed almost to a stop as they approached. High-pitched whistles and metallic screeches came from within the dying fall grasses. Becoming afraid but still curious, the three children slowly waded down through the grasses and into the ditch. Without warning, aliens leapt toward the children. Within seconds, the aliens had invaded the bodies of the children and taken over their consciousnesses. Unfortunately, the aliens were unable to make sense of the children's knowledge. They were only able to move in a halting fashion and were unable to speak. In a daze of confusion, the aliens began to wander down the nearby sidewalk.

After walking for a few

moments, the aliens looked up to see what they perceived to be a larger version of the type of body they had recently invaded. In reality, it was the children's mother. She, being a doting mother, thought her children to be the cutest and most adorable in the world. Thinking to preserve yet another moment of her children's lives, she grabbed the camera she always kept with her and snapped a picture of her three darlings.

The unexpected flash stunned the three aliens. The smallest of the three stopped and stared at the ground, certain that another flash would occur shortly and wanting to avoid it if at all possible. The alien closest to the smallest stopped as well. It grabbed the hand of the smaller one and proceeded to blink its eyes in an attempt to stop the spots flashing before its line of vision. The remaining alien was simply confused. It had never seen a camera before and wanted to get a closer look. Stepping cautiously so as not to scare the tall creature, the alien slowly advanced, intent on getting its hands on the little box.

Drifts of smoke dissipated into the atmosphere as the alien ship began to self-destruct. The sound of the explosion masked the sounds of the struggle coming from further down the sidewalk. The aliens were stranded on planet Earth. They would shortly take over the world.



### Southlake Mall in Merrillville

*I Know What You Did Last Summer* - 1:40, 2:50, 4:00  
*Kiss the Girls* - 1:50, 3:10, 4:25, 5:45, 7:00, 8:20, 9:35  
*U-Turn* - 2:00  
*L.A. Confidential* - 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
*The Edge* - 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

### Sony Theatre in Merrillville

*The Devil's Advocate* - 2:30, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00  
*Playing God* - 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
*Most Wanted* - 3:25, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30  
*The Game* - 6:40, 9:40  
*Soul Food* - 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20  
*The Peacemaker* - 3:00, 6:00, 9:20  
*In and Out* - 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30  
*Seven Years in Tibet* - 3:50, 6:50, 9:50